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SUBJ: THIRD COMMITTEE--ITEM 62, YOUTH

1. FINAL MEETING ON ITEM 62, YOUTH, WAS PRESENTED WITH REVISED TEXT OF DRAFT RES A/C.3/L.2061. COSPONSORS ORALLY AMENDED NEW OP PARA 7 TO READ "REQUESTS THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT TO EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF REDRAFTING AN INT'L POLICY CONCERNING THE INVOLVEMENT OF YOUTH AT THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS, INCLUDING THE ADVISABILITY OF AN INT'L DOCUMENT ON YOUTH, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION, INTER ALIA, RELEVANT PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN EXISTING INT'L INSTRUMENTS AND THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY UN MEMBER STATES AND BY THE INTERESTED NGOS IN CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH ECOSOC AND TO PRESENT RECOMMENDATION TO ECOSOC AT ITS 58TH SESSION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE 30TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY."

2. VOTE ON NEW ZEALAND AMENDMENT TO OP PARA 2(B)81(US)-1-20. NEW OP PARA 2(B) READS: "TO FORMULATE HEALTH POLICIES AND IMPLEMENT HEALTH PROGRAMMES AND, WHERE APPROPRIATE AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH NATIONAL PRIORITIES, TO MAKE AVAILABLE INFORMATIONAL SERVICES RELATING TO COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, NARCOTIC DRUGS AND POPULATION PROGRAMMES, IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT YOUNG PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES OPEN TO THEM."

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3. AMENDED DRAFT RES A/C.3/L.2061 ADOPTED 107(US)-0-1(POR-

TUGAL). DRAFT RES A/C.3/L.2062 ADOPTED 108(US)-0-1(PORTUAL).

4. US REP (PICKER) EXPLAINED VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

"MR. CHAIRMAN, THE US DELEGATION WAS PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO GIVE ITS FULL SUPPORT TO RESOLUTIONS L.2061 AND L.2062, AS FINALLY AMENDED. WE BELIEVE THEY ARE GOOD RESOLUTIONS AND MAKE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF YOUTH. WE CONGRATULATE THE COSPONSORS OF 2061 AND ALL WHO SUBMITTED AMENDMENTS AND SUB-AMENDMENTS FOR THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION THAT PREVAILED THESE PAST TWO DAYS. THE US DELEGATION APPRECIATES THE COSPONSORS' ACCEPTANCE OF TWO OF THE THREE SUGGESTED US AMENDMENTS IN RES 2061.

"ON PARAGRAPH 5 OF 2061 WE WERE ABLE TO WITHDRAW OUR AMENDMENT AFTER RECEIVING CLARIFICATION FROM THE COSPONSORS ON THE ORIGINAL TEXT. THE US UNDERSTANDS THAT THE MEETINGS REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 5 ARE SIMILAR TO THE SEMINAR ON YOUTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN SAN REMO OR THE YOUTH MEETING TO BE HELD IN COORDINATION WITH THE WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE. FOR FOR INT'L MEETINGS OF YOUTH TO BE EFFECTIVE, THEY SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO A SINGLE PURPOSE. THE US BELIEVES THAT MORE GENERAL MEETINGS CAN TURN INTO LARGE TALK SESSIONS OF YOUTH AND ARE NEITHER THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS TO BRING THE ENERGIES OF YOUTH TO BEAR ON THE WORLD'S PROBLEMS NOR THE MOST USEFUL EXPENDITURE OF SCARCE FUNDS.

"WE ARE ALSO PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT L.2062 AND CONGRATULATE THE COSPONSORS FOR THE CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE IMPROVEMENT OF EDUCATION FOR YOUTH AS DEFINED IN THEIR RESOLUTION 2062."

5. AT END OF CONSIDERATION THIS ITEM SECT OFFICIAL SOUGHT OUT US DEL TO EXPRESS GRATITUDE FOR US EFFORTS TO AMEND FINAL OP PARA. HE SAID THAT SECT FEELS THAT FINAL WORDING ALLOWS SECT TO PREPARE MORE PRACTICAL REPORT FOR USE IN PLANNING FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THAT FINAL TIMEFRAME CALLING FOR SUBMISSION TO 32D GA THROUGH COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ALLOWS TIME FOR MEANINGFUL STUDY TO BE WRITTEN.
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